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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN OPPOSITION WINS BY LANDSLIDE

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS OF 2300 OCTOBER 30 THE OPPOSITION JAMAICAN LABOUR PARTY (JLP) HAS WON A MASSIVE LANDSLIDE VICTORY OVER THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) IN THE 1980 GENERAL ELECTIONS. WHILE THE FINAL AND OFFICIAL RESULTS OF TODAY'S POLLS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL FRIDAY, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE JLP WILL TAKE 51 SEATS IN THE 60- SEAT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WITH 75 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS COUNTED, THE JLP HAS GARNERED 53 PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE AND THE PNP 47 PERCENT.

3. THE JLP HAS WON A LARGER MAJORITY OF PARLIAMENTARY SEATS THAN HAS ANY PARTY IN ANY PREVIOUS JAMAICAN ELECTION. THE OPPOSITION HAS ALSO WON A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULAR VOTE IN THIS ELECTION THAN IT HAS IN ANY PREVIOUS ELECTION, ALTHOUGH NOT AS MUCH AS THE PNP IN 1976.

4. AMONG THE MAJOR FIGURES IN THE RULING PARTY WHO LOST THEIR SEATS ARE FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON AND AND MINISTER OF FINANCE HUGH SHALES. PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY RETAINED HIS KINGSTON SEAT BY 55 PERCENT. IN 1976 HE WON BY 77 PERCENT.

5. AS OF 2330 THE VICTORIOUS LEADER OF THE JLP HAD NOT MADE ANY FORMAL COMMENT.

6. AS OF 2300 THERE ARE REPORTS OF GUNFIRE IN THE NEW KINGSTON AREA, BUT THIS WELL COULD BE THE VICTORS CELEBRATING BY FIRING INTO THE AIR. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT ONEPOLICE STATION EAST OF THE EMBASSY WAS ATTACKED AND A POLICEMAN WOUNDED ANDTHE KINGSTON CENTRAL POLICE STATION WAS FIRED UPON AND ONE POLICEMAN KILLED.

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7. AT ØØ3Ø OCTOBER 31, MANLEY HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT PNP HEADQUARTERS IN WHICH HE SAID" WE ACCEPT WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND HOPE IT WILL BE HANDLED WITH RESTRAINT AND DECENCY." HE WARNED THAT IF THERE ARE ATTEMPTS TO FRAME "PEOPLE" AND TO ACT WITH VINDICTIVENESS THEN THERE WILL BE "SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR JAMAICA. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT A POLICY BASED ON VINDICTIVENESS OR REVENGE." HE SAID "WE" WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF THE THE ELECTIONS VERY CAREFULLY AND SOME RESULTS "FRANKLY LOOK VERY, VERY STRANGE." HE ADDED THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES BEHAVED VERY VERY CONTRADICTORY TO THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. ASKED WHY HE THOUGHT THE PNP LOST, HE ANSWERED "WHAT WE DID WAS TO CHALLENGE THE POWER OF THE WESTERN ECONOMIC POWER STRUCTURE." HE BLAMED HIS LOSS ON HIS FAILURE TO FIGHT SUCCESSFULLY THE "LEGENDS" OF BIG POWERS. REMOVING CUBAN AMBASSADOR ESTRADA WOULD BE A "CHEAP OUTRAGE" AND " VINDICTIVE."
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